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# SOUTH UNION MESSENGER

SHAKER MUSEUM AT SOUTH UNION

## SOUTH UNION SEMINAR

The South Union Seminar has been one of the most successful annual events on the museum's calendar since 1988.

Each April, many participants come together for a week-end focusing on new research relating to Shaker folk-life and material culture.

While presentations

from scholars in the field are the focus of the event, the lectures are further enhanced with in-depth tours, special exhibits, music performances and meals featuring historical and regional menus.

The 2005 event, themed "Shaker Furniture in Context," is set for April 15 & 16.

This year, we are expanding the scope of the seminar by including presentations that place the Shaker research in context. Jean Burks, curator of

the Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont, and author of *The Encyclopedia of Shaker Furniture*, will offer our keynote presentation. Ms. Burks' lecture on Kentucky Shaker furniture will be placed in regional context with other presentations on historic interiors and furniture styles common to 19th century homes in Kentucky. Other



*Past speaker Dianne Watkins leads a discussion*

speakers include Mark Brown of Nashville's Belmont Mansion and Sam Terry of Riverview at Hobson Grove in Bowling Green.

Make reservations today to attend the South Union Seminar!



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## SHAKE, RIDE 'N ROLL

On Saturday, June 11, the museum is hosting **SHAKE, RIDE 'N' ROLL!**

The cycling event will feature a metric century (100K/62.5 miles), a

metric half century (50K/31 miles) and a 10 mile fun ride throughout historic South Union and surrounding communities in Logan, Warren and

Simpson Counties.

Registration is \$25 and includes snacks, lunch, goody bag, entertainment and

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## A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Great news! The Shaker Museum at South Union recently received notification of funding in the form of Federal TEA-21 monies as part of a \$500,000 restoration and developmental project. TEA-21 funds in the amount of \$400,000 will be available for the project, while \$100,000 must be raised by the museum. \$50,000 of that challenge has already been secured,

thanks to a very generous contribution from the Helm Foundation.

This project promises to be one of the most far-reaching ever attempted at South Union and will accomplish not only restoration of historic structures, but also the preservation of archaeological sites and increased visitor services. The following list should give you an

idea of what we hope to accomplish in this first phase:

- Restoration of the 1875 Grain Barn
- Archaeological Identification of the South Union Cemetery
- Restoration and Re-Location of the 1818 Meeting House Foundation
- Construction of a New Visitors Parking Lot and Public Restroom Facilities

- Rehabilitation of 1930s Post-Shaker Buildings as Visitor Center, Staff Offices and Research Library
- Enhancements to Existing Entry to US 68-80

The changes over the coming months are going to be many so make sure to plan a visit to South Union this year!

*- Tommy Hines*

## CHRISTMAS AT SHAKERTOWN RECAP

Our thanks to everyone who took part in our 2004 Christmas at Shakertown Holiday Market on December 3rd and 4th. Nearly 40 fine antique and southern craft vendors sold their wares during the popular holiday market.

Special thanks to event sponsor **U.S. Bank**, whose generosity truly made this event possible. Thanks also

to **Starbucks Coffee** of Bowling Green, who donated their famous coffee and delicious desserts for the annual Preview Party on Friday evening.

This year, more than 1,000 people attended the market, marking the highest event attendance to date.

Event attendees were asked to make donations of canned

food or money. A total of \$450 and over 1,000 pounds of food was donated to the Auburn Rural Fire Department for distribution to local families in need.

New this year, the **Logan Friendship League** sold hot homemade soup, sandwiches and holiday desserts to shoppers. The women's group raised several hundred dollars for Logan County

charities through this effort.

Make sure to mark your calendar for this year's event! The 2005 Christmas at Shakertown Holiday Market **Preview Party** is set for Friday, December 2 from 7-9 p.m. On Saturday, December 3, **Early Bird Shopping** is scheduled for 8-10 a.m. with the **Open House** set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Don't miss it!



## SHAKE, RIDE 'N ROLL!

complimentary museum admission. Pre-registrants will be guaranteed an event t-shirt.

Local artist **James Pearson** ([pearsonart.com](http://pearsonart.com)) donated an original piece entitled "South Union." The original artwork will appear on the

t-shirt and in other event promotions and will be part of the auction during the September 24th "An Evening at Shakertown" Gala.

We wish to offer special thanks to our 2005 Ride Sponsors\*:

**Presenting Sponsor:**

**Logan Memorial Hospital**

**Event Sponsors:**

**Logan Telephone Coop.**

**The Liberty Group**

**Bluegrass Cellular**

**WUHU**

**Event Patron:**

**Bowling Green Convention and Visitors Bureau**

Call the museum or log on the web site for registration information.

*\*As of March 1, 2005*

## RECENT ACQUISITIONS

"A Collection of Verses by the Singers of South Union, Kentucky," a manuscript hymnal, leather binding, 269 pages, kept by Harvey L. Eads, beginning date April 4th, 1835.

.....Donated by Robert and Viola Opdahl

On Thursday, May 7, 1835, Elder Benjamin Seth Youngs, Eldress Mercy Pickett and Brother Harvey L. Eads left South Union for Mt. Lebanon, New York. The purpose of the journey was to accompany Eldress Mercy and Pleasant Hill Eldress Hopewell Curtis (whom they met in Louisville) back to Mt. Lebanon, where both women would remain. Eads' first extended trip away from South Union was a five month experience that would change the course of his life. Within weeks of his return to South Union, he was appointed to the Ministry, a position he would hold until his death in 1892.

In anticipation for his journey, Eads began two separate manuscript hymnals on April 4, 1835. Being a composer himself, he no doubt wanted to share songs written at South Union with people he would meet at other Shaker villages. One book was entitled "A Collection of Hymns, Anthems & Tunes Adapted to the Worship by the Singers at South Union," and the other "A Collection of Verses by the Singers of South Union, Kentucky." While both books contained songs written at South Union, the hymnals also seem to have been used like "autograph" books, and are filled with examples of songs from the hands of a variety of Shaker composers.

"A Collection of Hymns, Anthems & Tunes" was purchased by the museum when the Milton Sherman collection was dispersed in 1996. Little is known about when that hymnal left South Union. The history of "A Collection of Verses," however, was carefully documented. South Union Eldress Betty Smith began giving away early Shaker books and manuscripts to interested collectors and historians in the 1890's. Apparently she gave Eads' "A Collection of Verses" to a gentleman by the name of A.O. Packard in 1894. Somehow it eventually became the property of Brother Ricardo Belden of Hancock, Massachusetts. Brother Ricardo gave it to Jerome Count, who operated the Shaker Village Work Group. Mr. Count gave the South Union hymnal and eight others to Robert and Viola Opdahl.

We are indebted to the Opdahls for their generosity and for their concern that the hymnal make its journey back to South Union after an absence of 110 years. Robert and Viola Opdahl recently published *A Shaker Musical Legacy*, a transcription of the nine manuscript hymnals from the Jerome Count Collection.



## 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

- 1 **Regular Museum Operating Hours Begin**  
*Mon-Sat (9-5) and Sundays (1-5)*

### APRIL

- 15 & 16 **South Union Seminar**  
*1824 Centre House*

### JUNE

- 5 **Shaker Summer Day**  
*Held in conjunction with the 400 mile 68- 80 sale  
Historic Shaker Village Grounds (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)*
- 11 **Shake, Ride 'N Roll**  
*South Union Bike Ride (All rides begin at 8 a.m.). Lunch & entertainment following rides. Registration information available on our web site.*

### SEPTEMBER

- 24 **"An Evening at Shakertown" Gala**

### OCTOBER

- 1 **Shaker Farm Day**  
*Historic Shaker Village Grounds (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)*

### NOVEMBER

- 5 & 12 **A Shaker Breakfast**  
*1869 Shaker Tavern (8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.)*
- 19 & 20 **Civil War Encampment**  
*Historic Shaker Village Grounds*

### DECEMBER

- 1 **Winter Museum Operating Hours Begin**  
*Tuesday to Saturday (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.)*
- 2 **Christmas at Shakertown Preview Party**  
*1824 Centre House (7 p.m. until 9 p.m.)*
- 3 **Christmas at Shakertown Holiday Market**  
*1824 Centre House (Early Bird at 8 a.m., Open House 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)*

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed for many 2005 museum events!

For more information about volunteering with the Shaker Museum, please call us at (270) 542-4167 or email [shakmus@logantele.com](mailto:shakmus@logantele.com)

More event details are available on our web site:

**[shakermuseum.com](http://shakermuseum.com)**

Check back often for event news and registration information!



# SPECIAL THANKS

## Contributions

*(July 2004 through January 2005)*

The Atticus Trust  
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W.L. Lyons Brown Foundation  
Grover and Mary Corum  
The Helm Foundation  
Mr. Will Martin  
U.S. Bank  
Mr. Ridley Wills, III

## Memorial Donations

*(July 2004 through January 2005)*

In Memory of Mrs. Geneva  
Quesenberry By Mr. W. Clark Conn

## New Members

*(July 2004 through January 2005)*

Chris and Carrie Barnett  
J. R. Hollins  
Charles and Violet Jackson  
Brenda Sobecki  
Betty Spurlock  
Lee Young

## Renewed Memberships

*(July 2004 through January 2005)*

Irene Ahlgrim  
Pat and Mary Allen  
Judge William Allender  
Dr. and Mrs. Tom Baird  
E. Hanlin and Jane Bavely  
Peggy Bradley Boaz  
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Dr. and Mrs. William T. Wade  
Rebecca Willard  
John and Elizabeth Woodworth  
Robert and Phyllis Wright



## BRINGING BACK THE GALA!

Be sure to mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 24!** The popular "An Evening At Shakertown" Gala is returning after a five year absence.

2005 event chairs Jay and Cathy Joines of

Russellville are hard at work to ensure a fantastic event.

Our thanks to the Gala's Presenting Sponsors: **BB&T** and **Citizens National Bank.**

**Remember : Saturday, September 24, 2005!**

## SHAKER SUMMER DAY

Back by popular demand, the Historic 68/80 400 Mile Sale is scheduled for the first weekend in June.

On June 5, the Shaker Museum will be hosting a variety of Kentucky artisans

throughout the day as part of this special event. Be sure to stop by!

To learn more about the 400 Mile Sale, log on the web site at: [10000trails.com](http://10000trails.com).

Happy shopping!

## BOARD PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As winter ends and spring begins, we are busy with preparations for another season. In 2005, the Museum will host several new events I believe will captivate the interest of many.

We are pleased to welcome five regional business leaders to our Board of Directors:

**Carrie Barnett** is the Development Director for WKU Libraries and was previously the director of the Capitol Arts Alliance in Bowling Green. She is married to South Union Quartet member Chris Barnett.

Bowling Green native **Peter Bryant** is station manager at WKYU-FM.

As a child, Peter regularly attended the Shaker Festival and has vivid memories of sitting outside at South Union on warm summer evenings, listening to the beautiful Shaker songs. He's married to Karla and has one son, Thomas.

Auburn native and long-time museum supporter **Allen Corum** serves as the Special Projects Coordinator of Houchens Industries in Bowling Green. He is married to Tammy and has four children: Crystal, Jennifer, Adam and John.

**Greg Moore** recently moved to Logan County to take the position of CEO at Logan Memorial

Hospital. He is married to Tracy and has two young children.

**Dr. Sally Ann Strickler**, a retired WKU librarian and returning museum board member, works at the WKU Welcome Center and Kentucky Building. A Logan County resident since 1987, she is married to Ellsworth Strickler, internationally known stained glass artist.

Our outstanding group of returning board members includes **Gran Clark** of Russellville, **Rusty Clark** of Russellville, **Teri Curry** of Morgantown, **Mark Hardison** of Woodburn, **Tom**

**Moody** of Franklin and **Charlie Ray** of Russellville.

I also wish to thank those rotating off the board for their past service and future involvement: **Charles "Buzz" English** of Bowling Green, **Renee Kilgore** of Bowling Green and **Tracy Morgan** of Russellville.

As always, we invite you to plan a trip to see the Museum and bring a friend. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Jon Barrow*  
2005 Board President